specific recommendations to Government to remove the anomaly in pay scale of CFO;

(d) if so, the recommendations of the A and N Administration and the steps taken by Government to remove the anomaly; and

(e) by when the anomaly will be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a)There exists a situation in which the Chief Fire Officer and his immediate subordinate (i.e. Inspector Fire Brigade) under the Andaman and Nicobar Fire Force were placed in the same scale of pay on recommendation of the IVth Pay Commission.

(b) The Fire Service personnel below the rank of Chief Fire Officer under the A&N Administration are governed by Police Act, 1861 and A and N Police Manual, 1963. They also carry the designations as in a Police Department. The Central Fourth Pay Commisssion recommended enhancement of pay scale of all the Fire Service personnel below the rank of Chief Fire Officer at par with corresponding ranks in the Police Department. However, no such enhancement was recommended in the case of Chief Fire Officer.

(c) to (e)Yes, Sir. The A&N administration have recommended grant of a higher scale of pay to the post of Chief Fire Officer. However, a similar situation exists in the pay scale of Assistant Commissioner of Police/ Deputy Superintendent of Police and its feeder cadre of Inspector in various Union Territories. A proposal to enhance the scale of pay of the former category of posts is under consideration of the Government. It has been, therefore, decided to defer consideration of the proposal to upgrade the pay scale of Chief Fire Officer under A and N Administration till the proposal regarding upgradation of the pay scale of Assistant Commissioner of Police/Deputy Superintendent of Police is resolved.

Rehabilitation of Undertrials

4765. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of undertrials in different jails who have already suffered the maximum term of imprisonment provided for the offence charged against but for want of sureties and other support for litigation;

(b) how many of them are women and children;

(c) what steps are contemplated to give justice to them, by way of compensation or rehabilitation by way of providing them with employment opportunities;

(d) whether any modification in law or procedure is also contemplated in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (e) 'Prisons' being a State subject, the Central Government does not maintain statistics of undertrials who remain in jail for want of sureties and other support for litigation.

The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1994, which was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on May, 9, 1994, seeks *inter alia*, to amend section 436(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 to make a mandatory provision therein that if the arrested person is accused of a bailable offence and he is indigent and cannot furnish surety, the Court shall release him on his execution of a bond without sureties. A new section is sought to be inserted in the Code to provide that where an undertrial prisoner, other than the one accused of an offence for which death has been prescribed as one of the punishments, has been under detention for a period extending to one-half of the maximum period of imprisonment provided for the alleged offence, he should be released on his personal bond, with or without sureties. It is also proposed to provide that in no case will an undertrial prisoner be detained beyond the maximum period of imprisonment for which he can be convicted for the alleged offence.

Modernisation of Police Force in Orissa

4766. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much money has been given to the State Government of Orissa on special programme to modernise the police force to control the Naxal movement in Orissa; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to curb the violent activities of Naxals in Andhra Pradesh, M.P., Orissa, Bihar and West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects. However, keeping in view the overall dimensions which Left Wing extremism has assumed in some States, the Central Government has set up a high level